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SUBJECT : ROC NAVY CALENDAR YEAR 1979 SUMMER CRUISE

1. ADMIRAL TSOU, CINC ROC NAVY, HAS ASKED THAT DAO EXPLORE WITH U.S. NAVY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON THE FEASIBILITY OF VISITS TO CONTINENTAL U.S. (AND CENTRAL AMERICAN) PORTS DURING THE 1979 MIDSHIPMAN SUMMER TRAINING CRUISE (JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1979). THE LAST VISIT TO U.S. PORTS WAS DURING THE 1977 SUMMER CRUISE WHEN TWO ROCN DESTROYERS VISITED GUAM AND HAWAII; THIS YEAR'S CRUISE (1978) VISITED PORTS IN SOUTH KOREA AND SINGAPORE.

2. TWO ALTERNATIVE ITINERARIES, AGAIN FOR TWO ROCN DESTROYERS, WERE PRESENTED. THE FIRST WOULD HAVE THE SHIPS PROCEED FROM TSOYING TO GUAM, HAWAII, GUATAMALA, COSTA RICA AND PANAMA, RETURNING VIA SAN DIEGO, HAWAII AND GUAM TO TSOYING. THE SECOND WOULD HAVE THEM PROCEED FROM TSOYING TO GUAM, HAWAII AND SAN FRANCISCO, RETURNING VIA SAN DIEGO, HAWAII AND GUAM TO TSOYING.

3. DAO IS SENDING A CABLE TO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON, EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY
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OF PLANNING FOR THE PROPOSED CRUISE. DAO UNDERSTANDS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF GUATAMALA, COSTA RICA AND PANAMA HERE IN TAIPEI HAVE BEEN APPROACHED (UNOFFICIALLY) AND THAT GROC ATTACHE PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON ARE MAKING "DISCREET INQUIRIES" ON THE SAME SUBJECT TO U.S. AND GUATAMALAN/COSTA RICAN/PANAMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES THERE. (FYI: TRANSIT TO CENTRAL AMERICAN

PORTS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A SAN DIEGO
REFUELING STOP OR SOME SORT OF MID-OCEAN SUPPORT
BY UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT SHIPS.)

4. EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED CRUISE.
REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS. UNGER

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